

labor side of the issue. And as you recall, there were two amendments that we considered yesterday regarding the safety committees, one of which was a Lindsay amendment that would have put some teeth into the safety committees by establishing some penalties for individuals that were required to form safety committees and subsequently failed to. As you recall, at that point the Legislature did not address that issue in that they struck the Lindsay amendment. They did not adopt the Lindsay amendment and this was simply indicative of that point of I think the process that we've embarked on throughout the debate on this issue. Frankly, it's a pattern of voting, as has clearly been established, that shows that there are a few of us that are trying to make some substantial changes to this which is a major, major change in the way that workmen's compensation is handled in the State of Nebraska. The...obviously as the votes have stacked up on amendment after amendment, it has become apparent that there is a coalition that exists, at this point at least, that is unwilling to make any changes in this bill. There are some people, such as Senator Hall, myself, Senator Lindsay, that have some substantial problems with what is going on. I, speaking for myself at least, would like to be able to vote for LB 757 at some point because it does make a number of changes in our workmen's compensation laws that I think are positive. There are some problems that I have at this point at least with, in particular, not the safety committee issue per se, but the issue of the independent medical examiner, the entire issue of physician choice and I think that as we approach the Landis amendment, we have divided the amendment, we are working through the process of some suggested changes to the Landis amendments that I believe probably also makes some positive improvements to the bill. At this point I would move the adoption of the Hall amendment, and once I get a chance to study it a little, I will put my light on again and address the amendment itself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body, very briefly, yesterday at some point in time I had my light on and we came to a vote before I was able to make some comments relative to the safety committees. As you recall there were comments at that time that they, in fact, were paper tigers and that the members of the safety committees, while they could recommend, certainly had no leverage in the interpretation of some of the members of the body to cause those regulations to be